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(SBU) Poloff delivered ref A talking points to Dr. Luis Angel Benavides, Director of International Policy for Civil and Political Rights, and Sylvia Cabrera, Director for Democracy, both of the Office of Human Rights at the Secretariat for Foreign Relations (SRE). Benavides said that Mexico agrees that a balance should exist in resolutions passed by the Human Rights Council (HRC). He referred to a previous conversation (ref B) in explaining that the current dynamic on the HRC is very difficult, especially regarding the Middle East, and that the drafters of the latest resolution resisted any text changes. While Mexico voted for the resolution, it had stated at the last special session that more balance was necessary. Benavides further added that some balance to the issue was provided by the passage of the UN Security Council (UNSC) resolution on the same day. Benavides welcomed the United States to join the HRC, stating that it would be more productive to work from within the Council.

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